

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana held August 2, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 2, 2005 at the Jasper Arts Center with President Gerald Gagne presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Gerald Gagne, Doug Abbett, Gloria Buecher, Michael Jones, Sylvia Metzger, Myra Schuetter, Pat Thyen and Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent:** Robin Norris, Don Routson and Ann Hilgefort. **Staff Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Kit Miracle, Donna Schepers and Kelley Leuck. **Guests in Attendance:** City Attorney, Sandy Hemmerlein, Councilmen: Butch Schitter and Ray Howard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sylvia Metzger moved, **Pat Thyen** seconded the approval of the minutes of the July 5, 2005 board meeting. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Darla reported that the handling fee has been included on the financial statement. There has been some confusion regarding the handling fee. Some people have paid the \$3 handling fee for the series. They are also paying the \$2 fee when they are buying single tickets. Some are not paying any handling fee. After some discussion, it was decided that patrons should only pay either \$3 or \$2 but not both. **Pat Thyen** moved to approve the financial statement. **Gloria Buecher** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$12,253.22 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$4,888.65 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Gloria Buecher** to accept the claims as presented. **Sylvia Metzger** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Public Business

Mike Jones reported that nine \$100 bills were found at the Chalk Walk Arts Festival. The money was taken to the Jasper Police Department. Since the statute of limitations has run out, he has picked up the money from the police department. Jones asked that the money be donated to the JCAC. After some discussion, board members asked Jones to hold the money in a safe place until a decision would be made about it at the next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported.

- July was a very busy month.
- The quilt show has been very well attended.
- John Streetman judged and made selections for the Juried Art Show.
- Kit has also been planning the fall events and will send out press releases when the events are finalized.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Donna reported that she has been meeting with principals, the superintendent, Nancy Habig and the education committee about the Kennedy Center program.
- November 9th will be the kick off for the Kennedy Center Program. A national keynote speaker, Kathleen Gaffney, will be presenting for a school system wide teacher in-service.

Buldings & Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- August 28th will be the first program supported through the Generations grant received by TRI-CAP RSVP, ACT and JCAC. Carrie Ravenscraft will perform at 1:00. The program is being coordinated by Casey Howard, "Seniors Experience the Arts" project manager.
- Painting of a portion of the building's exterior was postponed due to rain.

Region 11 Report

Darla reported for Jill.

- The awards ceremony (previously announced for Aug 25th) will be rescheduled for September or October. Jill has not yet heard from the IAC about the changes in funding due to statewide budget cuts affecting all state agencies. Once the result is known, the plans for the ceremony will proceed.
- Cultural planning interviews will begin in August, as well as a teachers' focus group in early September.

Performing Arts Report

Darla reported.

- Megan Tretter has distributed the poster and brochures for the new season.
- Darla showed the board the flyer/order form that will be included as a utility bill stuffer.
- The Arts Midwest Conference is being held next month in Indianapolis.
- Season tickets will be on sale through September 2. Individual tickets will go on sale after that date.

OLD BUSINESS

Darla reported.

- Darla passed around an unsigned letter that the mayor received about the coke machine in the building. The writer was upset that 5 of the 7 selections were out when they attended a Bye-Bye Birdie performance. Darla did contact RDM about the vending machine, the machine's owner. The volume of the machine does not warrant a commission given to the JCAC. RDM did state that they would give a donation to the JCAC at the end of the year. There was some discussion about providing concessions at the performances. It was decided there would not be any concessions provided at any events.
- Mike Jones reported a few board members and some the staff attended a meeting about the building expansion. A subcommittee consisting of Jerry, Mike, Robin, Myra and Sylvia was formed. Mike agreed to chair the committee. Gloria will serve as a substitute if needed. Friends of the Arts will be kept aware of the committee's progress.

Adjournment

Sylvia Metzger made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm, **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday September 6, 2005 at 4:30 pm.

Gerald Gagne – President

Attested